



## Legislation Text

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### **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 737 OF THE GAHANNA CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS SALES LICENSING PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, after decades of decline in cigarette smoking rates, we have seen a recent dramatic rise in the use of e-cigarettes by children and teens leading to a new generation of tobacco products addicting a new generation of users to tobacco and nicotine; and

**WHEREAS**, 90 percent of smokers first try a tobacco product by age 18; and

**WHEREAS**, requiring a minimum distance between tobacco retailers has been shown to reduce overall tobacco retailer density, especially in dense, low-income, urban communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a high density of tobacco retailers has been associated with earlier initiation of tobacco use and with increased youth smoking rates, and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of tobacco in retail settings normalizes the use of tobacco products and triggers smoking urges among former smokers and those attempting to quit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gahanna desires to ensure proper training and enforcement of the restrictions on the sales of nicotine-containing products to those under the age of 21; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gahanna and other communities have established similar licensing programs for the sale of tobacco and related products to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That Chapter 737 of the Gahanna Codified Ordinances, entitled "TOBACCO PRODUCT

SALES” is hereby adopted as set forth in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and made a part herein.

**Section 2.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage by this Council and 30 days after the date of signature of approval by the Mayor.